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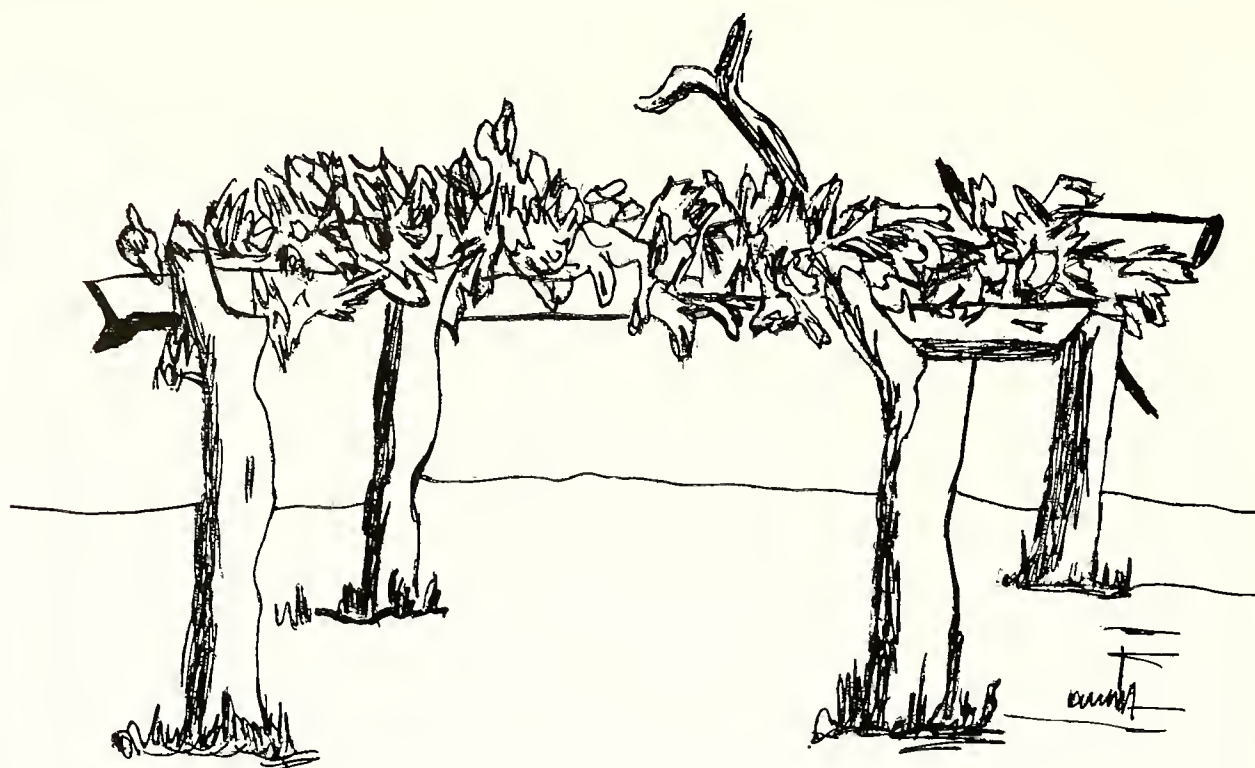
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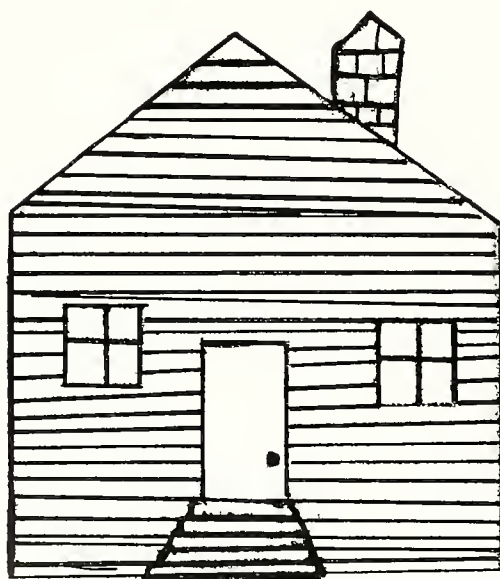
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Dedication

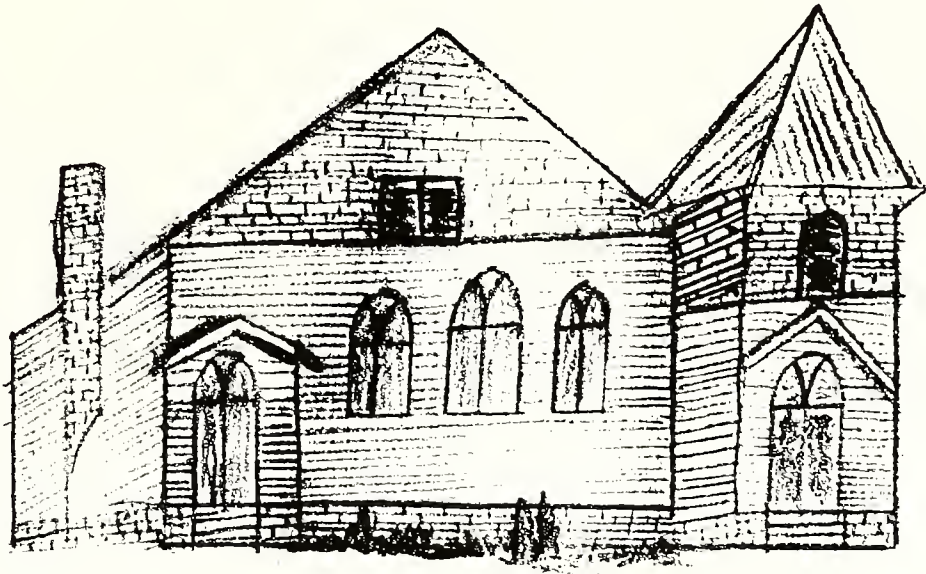
*We lovingly dedicate this
Book of memories to all deceased
Members and friends without whose
Foresight, prayers, labors and leadership,
We would not have come thus far.*



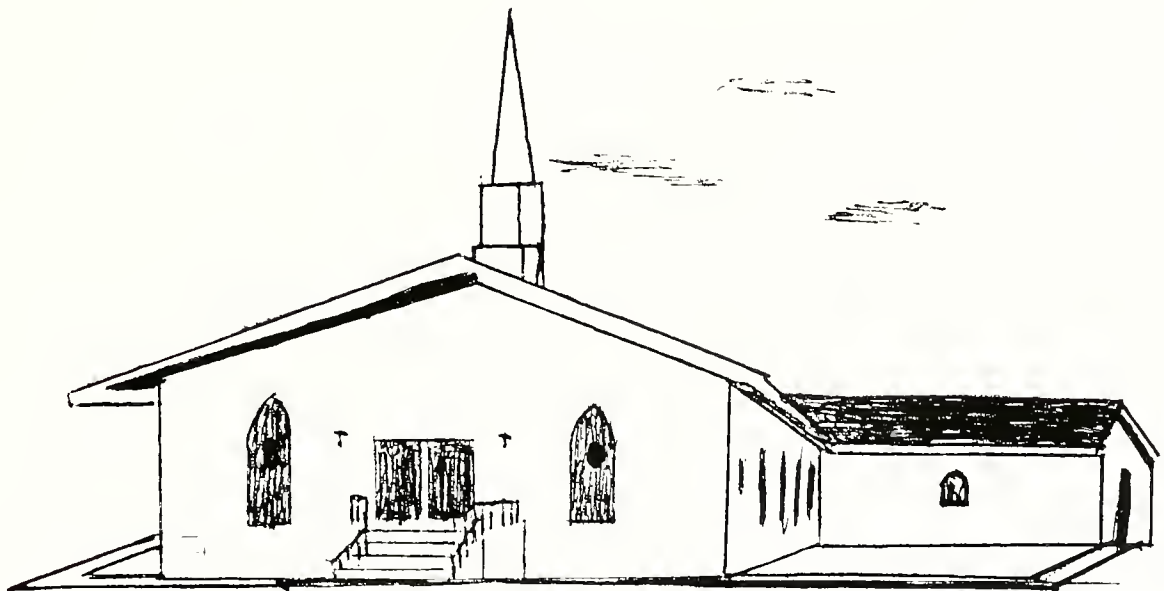
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(Old Structure Demolished in 1976)**



PRESENT STRUCTURE 1975 - PRESENT (1987)

Deed: G. Pool and Wife
to
Trustees of Piney Grove Church

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
JOHNSTON COUNTY

Know all men by these presents that Mr. Guilford Pool and Nisa, his wife of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina of the our part and Thos. Hodges and Neeham Tomlinson Trustees of the church known as Piney Grove of the other part, witnessed that for and in consideration of the sum of ONE DOLLAR to us in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the said Guilford Poole and wife Nisa hath given, granted, bargained and said and by these presents does give, grant, bargain and sell unto the said Thos. Hodges and Neeham Tomlinson Trustees of said church and their successors in office a certain tract or parcel of land, lying and being in the County and State asforesaid, bounded by four equal sides from said Church and to contain ONE HALF ACRE. To have and to hold together with all appartinances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining to them the said Thos. Hodges and Neeham Tomlinson Trustees of said church and their successors in free-simple absolute and forever and discharged of any and all encumbrances whatever in trust for the use of the said Piney Grove Church. The conditions of this deed shall have full force and effect as long as the said promises is kept as a church then if the said Church shall disorganize and go down this deed shall be void.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seal this the 27th day of January, 1879.

Guilford ^{His} Pool (SEAL)
Mark

Nisa ^{Her} Pool (SEAL)
Mark

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
JOHNSTON COUNTY

I. J. L. Banks, a Justice of the Peace do certify that Guilford Poole and his wife Nisa this day personally appeared before me and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing Deed of Conveyance and his wife Nisa bring by me privately examined, separate and apart from her said husband touching her voluntary execution of the same doth state that and he signed the same finally and voluntarily without fear or compulsion of her said husband or any other person and that she still voluntarily assent thereto:

Witness my hand and seal this 27th day of January AD. 1879.

J. L. Banks, Justice of Peace
(SEAL)

NORTH CAROLINA
JOHNSTON COUNTY

The foregoing certificate of J. L. Banks, a Justice of the Peace of Johnston County is adjudged to be in due form and according to law. Let the Deed with the certificates be registered. This 21st day of December, 1881.

J. H. ABEE, JC AND Probate Judge

Registered December 24st, 1881.

R. D. Lunceford, Registrar

A true copy from the Records of Johnston County in Book A, Volume 4, Page 431.
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Register of Deeds

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Drawn by: T. LEE DOLSON, JR., AttorneyRecord of poor quality
due to condition of originalTHIS DEED, made this 27th day of February, 19 75, by UZZELL BARNES and wife,
VIRGINIA G. BARNESTo JOHN LUTHER LORR, SCHOFIELD GARDNER, ROBERT HOGY, WILLIE J. HOLDER, EDWARD
WILLIAM S. SANDERS and BOBBY RAY FLECKO, TRUSTEES OF JOHNSTON PINEY GROVE
BAPTIST CHURCH
of Johnston County, North Carolina, hereinafter called Grantees.Witnesseth: That the Grantors, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars and other good and valuable considerations to them paid by the Grantees, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have given, granted, bargained, sold and conveyed, and by these presents do give, grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the Grantees, their heirs, and/or successors and assigns, premises in Clayton Township, Johnston County, North Carolina described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the center of N. C. State Road #1555, said point being a corner with Piney Grove Community Center property, and runs thence as the center of said State Road 1555 South 06 degrees 42 minutes 15 seconds West 110 feet to a point in the center of said Road; thence continuing as the center of said Road South 10 degrees 16 minutes 45 seconds West 90 feet to a point in the center of said Road, a new corner with Uzzell Barnes; thence as a new line with Barnes North 26 degrees 43 minutes 15 seconds West 425 feet to an iron stake, corner with Uzzell Barnes; thence as a new line with Barnes North 17 degrees 15 minutes 11 seconds West 145.72 feet to an iron stake in the line of Gladys Barnes; thence as her line North 76 degrees 17 minutes 07 seconds East 370.03 feet to an iron stake, corner with Piney Grove Community Center property; thence as the line of Piney Grove Community Center property South 06 degrees 42 minutes 15 seconds West 90 feet to an iron stake; thence as the line of Piney Grove Community Center property North 76 degrees 17 minutes 7 seconds East 151.78 feet to the point of BEGINNING, containing two (2) acres, including highway right of way, according to a plat and survey by Ragsdale Engineers dated 1-27-75.



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA



Department of The
Secretary of State

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

*I, Thad Eure, Secretary of State of the State of
North Carolina, do hereby certify the following and
hereto attached (4 sheets) to be a true copy of*

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

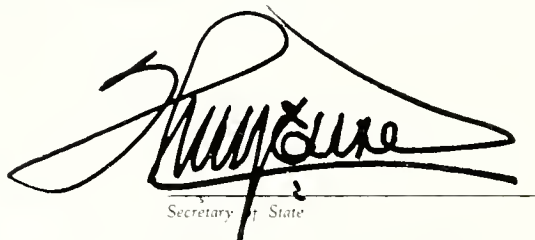
JOHNSTON PINEY GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

*the original of which is now on file and a matter of
record in this office.*

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand
and affixed my official seal.*

Done in Office, at Raleigh, this _____ **10th** **day**
of November **in the year of our Lord 19** 87.




Secretary of State

By _____

Deputy Secretary of State

Foreward

By God's Grace we have succeeded thus far, and with his love we have been able to evaluate the past and develop the pictures of 108 years. The members of this church focused their hearts on Jesus in Love and the magnifying of his glory.

History will identify people of strong determinations, true convictions, to lead the way for future generations to build on. This book illustrates a sincere attempt for our generation of 1987 to re-evaluate the bonds of the past. We will define our struggle with those of 108 years, and pass them on for future generations as their foundation.

Freedom is being able to serve God in churches, schools, communities and any private or public way, and to educate our children as to why we hold God as our true Savior at Johnston Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church. As we grow, our lives will be full of love, our children will be better educated, our problem of drug abuse will go away with Jesus in the heart, our economy will give blacks opportunities, our brothers and sisters in Africa can be free or apartheid, our parents will teach Christ in the home, our missionary start-up programs will develop. Our hearts will give love and trust that can be the kind of trust that God intended for it to be, from brother to brother, sister to sister.

The Centennial Committee would like to thank friends, communities, businesses, members and Johnston Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church, for letting us record the pictures of our origin and donate this composed information for present and future generations to come.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Leonard Barnes, Jr.", with a long, sweeping flourish extending from the end of the name.

Leonard Barnes, Jr.
Centennial Committee Chairman

Editorial Staff



Eloise Richardson, Alice M. Wall, Minnie Williamson, Alfreda Smith, Leonard Barnes, Jr., Rosa Williamson, Amos Williamson and Janice Smith. Not pictured - Wardell Morgan.

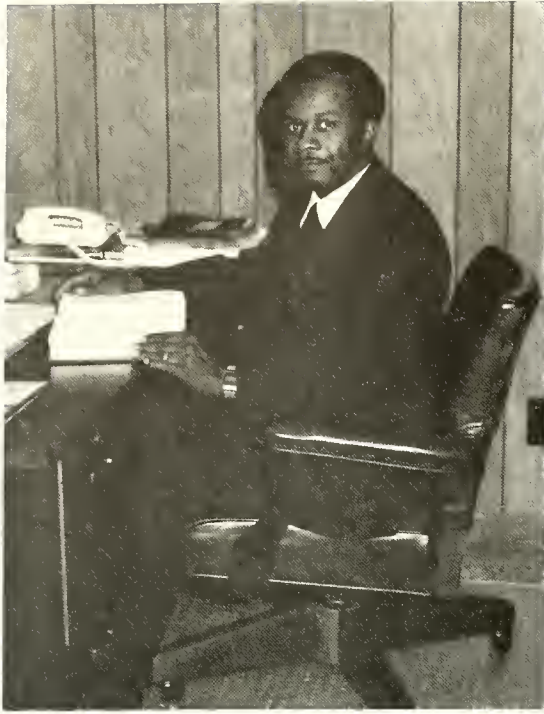
Acknowledgements

We wish to extend our appreciation to all who contributed unselfishly to this work of love.

The historians are especially grateful to everyone who helped us in our extensive research in order to present to you a history worthy of passing to the future generations. We sincerely hope that we've laid a historical foundation that is sturdy enough for others to build upon.

Any omissions or errors are truly not intentional and we ask your forgiveness if this has happened.

The Editorial Staff



The Pastor's Message

TO: THE OFFICERS, MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
THE JOHNSTON PINEY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
OF CLAYTON, NORTH CAROLINA ON THE CELE-
BRATION OF 108 YEARS OF HOLDING ON TO
GOD'S UNCHANGING HANDS.

One hundred and eight years ago God impressed upon someones heart to be the genesis of what now has produced a great work. The flower garden is still beautiful, even though some of the flowers have been removed. God has seen fit to replenish the garden with new flowers in order that the garden may maintain its wonderful beauty.

On this occasion, I would like to commend everyone for their hard work, prayers, and the sacrifices that it took to produce such an accomplishment. My humble prayer is for you not to allow the torch to burn out, but to pass it on to the next generation as it has been done in the past.

As the word of God says, "*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.*" (Psalms 121:1) Keep looking to and trusting in God.

Your Brother in Christ,

Rev. Joseph R. Rogers, Sr.

Reverend Joseph R. Rogers, Sr.

Greetings from the Governor



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
RALEIGH 27611

JAMES G. MARTIN
GOVERNOR

August 1, 1987

To the Congregation of Johnston Piney Grove Baptist Church:

As the Governor of North Carolina, it is my great pleasure to join you in celebrating the one-hundred and eighth anniversary of Johnston Piney Grove Baptist Church.

The past one hundred and eight years have been years of challenge and change, years in which your church fellowship has learned to struggle and grow in faith. Together you have built more than a church; you have built a family in Christ, filled with people who share the same beliefs and who work together to bring their love of God to one another and to the community.

I wish you all the best as you join together to celebrate this special occasion, and hope that the next one hundred years will provide you with even greater joy and peace in Christ's love.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Martin".
James G. Martin

Historical Sketch

1879 - 1987

Seeing the need for a tangible edifice to the glory of God, for his goodness in times of plenty and his mercy in trial and tribulation, our forefathers founded the Johnston Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church in January, 1879.

The first church was reportedly a bush arbor on Duncan Hill, three miles southeast of Clayton, N.C. (This location was across from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Williamson who live on Ranch Road.) This first structure was destroyed by fire, but out of misery and misfortune often comes a closer relationship with God and the revelation of the goodness of human nature. This positive revelation occurred when Mr. and Mrs. Guilford Poole gave one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) acre of land for the construction of another building. This time the church was built approximately two and one-half miles ($2\frac{1}{2}$) from Duncan Hill. It was rebuilt under the leadership of Reverend Essex Blake and trustees: Thomas Hodges and Needham Tomlinson. Behind these men stood a small but determined church membership. The congregation met for one church service per month, prayer service every Wednesday evening and a yearly revival.

As the membership increased, a larger structure was needed. This was accomplished by building around the original structure under the watchful eye of Mr. Walter Lassiter, contractor from Smithfield, N.C. This building served its members well for many years. Later, under the guidance of Reverend James A. Avery, bathrooms and a kitchen were added in a basement area with Reverend William H. Burwell acting as contractor.

An increasing membership and an aging building again demanded more additions or a new building. Land was purchased from Reverend John H. Merritt and later traded to Mr. Uzzell Barnes and wife for a more convenient location.

The groundbreaking for the new building was held on March 3, 1974 and the church was completed in December, 1975. This was accomplished under the pastoral leadership of Reverend Luther Coppedge and trustees: John A. Moore, Bobby Peacock, Willie J. Holder, Leonard Barnes, Sr., Oscar Sanders, Schofield Gardner and Robert Emory. The first service was held on February 3, 1976 with Reverend Luther Coppedge taking as his initial sermon in the new sanctuary, "Unless God Build The House", Psalms 127:1.

The Cornerstone Service was held on Saturday, March 6, 1976 with Reverend Larry Williams, a brick mason by trade, laying the cornerstone. Reverend Willis S. Wall, a son of the church and pastor of Zion Baptist Church, Hilltop, Maryland brought the spiritual message for this service.

Realizing the need for more religious training and spiritual growth, we added third and fifth Sunday services to our monthly schedule. Our first Third Sunday Service was held on August 18, 1976 with Reverend Gaddis Barnes, a son of the church and pastor of St. Amanda and New Light Baptist Churches, bringing the morning message. We continued to grow and prosper.

The church went through a period of re-organization from November 4, 1983 to April, 1985. During a portion of this period, Reverend James R. Fogg served as interim pastor.

Reverend Joseph R. Rogers, Sr. accepted the call to serve as our permanent spiritual leader, and preached his initial sermon on Sunday, April 21, 1985. He chose as his topic "The Ideal Church". Reverend Rogers was officially installed on Sunday, October 20, 1985 at 3 o'clock with Reverend C.C. Crum, pastor of First Baptist Church, Holly Springs and Moderator of the Johnston District Baptist Association bringing the installation message.

On Sunday, June 30, 1985 we held our Mortgage Burning Ceremony at the 11 o'clock morning service. Community leaders present and participating in the occasion were: Mr. Stanley Green, Sr.; Vice President of Mechanic and Farmers Bank (our mortgage holder), Mr. James W. Cash, Johnston County Commissioner, Mr. Nathaniel L. Sanders, Jr., a Clayton Town Councilman and Mr. James A. Bailey, Mayor of Clayton, N.C.

Reverend Willis S. Wall, our Spiritual mentor, during re-organization, again came to our call and delivered as the Mortgage Burning Ceremony Message " *The Way God Leads His Children*", Exodus 13:21-22.

Mr. John A. Moore, our eldest trustee and the person instrumental in initiating the fund for the building of the new church was given the privilege of burning the mortgage. We were out of debt and progressing.

Feeling the need for a closer Christian Fellowship and a desire for spiritual growth in our re-organized church, we voted to hold services every Sunday morning, beginning on Sunday, January 4, 1987. The response was overwhelming.

On Sunday, May 24, 1987 Gregory M. Smith, son of Deacon and Mrs. Robert R. Smith and a member of the church, preached his initial sermon under the watchful eyes and listening ears of Reverend Joseph R. Rogers, Sr., Reverend Marian Glenn, second vice-moderator of the Johnston District Baptist Association; Reverend Stanley Ballentine,

President of the Ministers and Deacons Union; Reverend Thomas McCullers, Educational Director, and Reverend Gaddis Barnes and Irvin Davis, sons of the church along with a very receptive congregation. This was the first calling under the leadership of Reverend Rogers.

We have come this far by the power of God and the leadership of Reverends Essex Blake, John Jeffries, David Saulter, Tom Fuller, Richard Johnson, Hinton Jones, James Avery, Clarence Dunn, James Powell, James A. Avery, Luther Coppedge and Joseph R. Rogers, Sr. These ministers were and are supported by Deacons, Guilford Poole, Tommie Poole, Alford Sanders, Henry Matthews, Neal Henry Smith, Monroe Miles, Jim Jones, Donnie Jones, Parker Finch, Wright Barnes, George Smith, Ira Trotter, Donnie Sanders, Archie Lassiter, G.G. Barnes, Garner Williamson, Willie Williams, Alexander Tomlinson, Michael Barnes, Robert R. Smith, Willie J. Holder and Lawrence Cotton, Jr.

The present Trustee Board includes: John A. Moore, Emeritus; Leonard Barnes, Sr., Amos Williamson, Bobby R. Peacock, Joe T. Barnes, Billy Wall, Wardell Morgan, Charlie Mangum, Leonard Barnes, Jr., Leamon Lassiter and David C. Smith.

These members were called into the ministry: Reverends Robert Bell, Paul White, Charlie Wall, Frank Emory, Odell Williamson, Willis Wall, Samuel Morgan, Irvin Davis, Gaddis Barnes and Gregory M. Smith.

Lastly, these members have served as secretaries without whose records we would have omitted some of our church's beginning historical facts; Henry Jones, Grover Sanders, Donnie Jones, Sr., Donnie Jones, Jr., Narner Williamson, Odell Williamson, Archie Lassiter, Amos Williamson and Lee V. Clemmons.

In spite of trials and many tribulations, God has truly smiled on us. We have come this far by faith, and through it all, we have learned to lean on and trust in God. For any and all accomplishments that we have realized, *"To God Be the Glory."*

Humbly submitted,
Janice D. Smith
Amos D. Williamson
Minnie W. Williamson
C. Alexander Tomlinson, (Honorary Member)



DEACONS

George A. Tomlinson, Chairman; Alex Tomlinson, Honorary Deacon; Willie J. Holder, Lawrence Cotton, Reverend Joseph R. Rogers, Sr., Pastor; Donzell Williamson, Co-chairman; Robert R. Smith, Secretary; Michael Barnes, Treasurer.



TRUSTEES

Charlie Mangum, David C. Smith, Treasurer; Leonard Barnes, Sr., Vice-chairman, Leonard Barnes, Jr., Secretary; Reverend Joseph Rogers, Pastor; John A. Moore, Honorary; Amos Williamson, Joe Thomas Barnes, Assistant Financial Clerk, Leamon Lassiter. Not pictured Bobby Peacock, Chairman, Billy R. Wall, Assistant Secretary; Wardell Morgan.



CHURCH SECRETARIES

Joe Thomas Barnes, Financial Secretary; Janice Smith, Assistant Clerk; Gloria K. Dublin, Recording Secretary; Amos Williamson, Financial Secretary; Patricia Nwosu, Recording Secretary; Lee V. Clemmons, Clerk.



CUSTODIANS

Patricia McCullers, Kevin Wall, Anjanette Wall, Alice M. Wall.



PASTORS AID SOCIETY

Sudie Barnes, Penella Lane, Eva Mitchell, Minnie Williamson, Willie Mae Cotton, Bessie Tomlinson, Ella M. Barbour, Helen Sanders, Lunnie Williamson, Alice Holder, Janice Smith, Ella Smith.



DEACONESS

Willie Mae Cotton; Betty Barnes, Secretary; Janice Smith; Lunnie Williamson, Chairman; Alice Holder; Bessie Tomlinson.



HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Ella Smith, Carrie Barnes, Alice Holder, Sudie Barnes, Lunnie Williamson, Penella Lane.



FIRST AID

Diane Yarborough, Alberta Williams, Rosa Hood, Alice Holder, Ella M. Barbour, Helen Sanders. Not pictured: Lessie Penny, David Smith.

“Christ In Every Home” MISSIONARIES



SENIOR MISSIONARIES

Helen Sanders, Lunnie Williamson, Penella Lane, Ella M. Smith, Sudie Barnes, John Moore, Donzell Williamson, Minnie Williamson, Bessie Tomlinson, Doris Peacock, Gloria Dublin, Alice Holder. Not pictured: Daphne Flowers, Marie Clemmons, Wilmer Smith.



YOUNG ADULT MISSIONARIES

Eva Mitchell, Maxine Mitchener, Juliette Wall, Lola Rogers, Maxine Mangum, Alice M. Wall, Joyce Wall. Not pictured: Patricia McCullers, Paula Smith.



YOUTH MISSIONARIES

Maxine Mitchener, (Supervisor), Mardy Nicholson, Maurice Mangum, TeKesha Wall, Cory Bell, Shawn Wall, Daryl Mangum, Nicholas Rogers, Chad Richardson, Albert Mitchener, Carla Atkinson, Shaun Braswell, Adrienne D. Evans, Lisa Mitchener, Anjanette Wall, Shannon Wall, Tilola Mitchell, Latasha Chambers, Lamonica Chambers, Aaron Davis, Scotty Peacock, Joseph Rogers, Jr., Kevin Wall, Shawn Smith and Maxine Mangum (Group Leader).

“Make A Joyful Noise Unto The Lord. All The Earth: Make A Loud Noise, And Rejoice, and Sing Praise.” Psalms 98:4

CHOIRS



SENIOR CHOIR

Alice Holder, Lunnie Williamson, Minnie Williamson, Ella Smith, Mary Williamson, Janice Smith, Eloise Richardson, Barbara Nicholson, Ella Barbour, Daphine Flowers, Annie Bell, Marie Clemmons, Carrie Barnes, Noah Flowers, Amos Williamson, Donzell Williamson. Not pictured: Ivery Williamson, Winslow Williamson, Patricia Spivey, Musician.



JOHNSTON PINEY GROVE GOSPEL CHORUS (J.P.G.'S)

Betty Barnes, Pauline Stone, Diane Yarborough, Lola Rogers, Eva Mitchell, Larry Mitchell, Denise Smith, Betty Barbour, Rosa Williamson, Judy Richardson, Alfreda Smith, Jacqueline Wall, Doris Emory, Maxine Mitchener, Regina Neal, Charlie Mangum, Steve Tomlinson, Lamont Smith, Effie Sanders, Maxine Mangum, Bessie Tomlinson. Not pictured: Lena Smith, Peggy Sanders, Rosa Hood, George Cooley, Shelia Wall, Deborah Morgan, Christine Lights, LaVerne Barnes. Musicians: Wilma McClain, William Williams.



YOUTH CHOIR

William Williams, (Musician), Carla Atkinson, Kathy Williamson, Sonya Williamson, Michelle Barnes, Latarsha Chambers, Anjanette Wall, LaDonna Barnes, Sandra Uzzell, Shannon Wall, Adrienne D. Evans, Aaron Davis, Eva Mitchell; (Supervisor), Kevin Wall, Joseph Rogers, Jr., Tilola Mitchell, Lynetta Williamson, Roger Davis, Lisa Mitchener, Kimtoine Nicholson, Arnea Bell, Scotty Peacock, Shaun Braswell, Lamonica Chambers, and Shawn Smith.

*“I Had Rather Be A Doorkeeper In The House of My God,
Than To Dwell In The Tents of Wickedness”*
Psalms 84:10

USHERS



SENIOR USHERS

Penella Lane, Ora Atkinson, Moses Barbour, Eloise Richardson, Willie Mae Cotton, Joyce Wall, Lynell Williamson, Janice Smith. Not pictured: Lunnie Williamson and Bessie Tomlinson.



YOUNG ADULT USHERS

Lynell Williamson, Eva Mitchell, Judy Richardson, Rosa Williamson, Joe Price.
Not pictured: Rosa Hood, Pauline Lane, Diane Yarborough, Betty Barnes, Pamela P. Avery, Patricia McCullers.



YOUTH USHERS

Anjanette Wall, Tilola Mitchell, Lisa Mitchener, Lynetta Williamson, Shannon Wall, Robin Smith, Roger Davis, Kimtoine Nicholson, Scotty Peacock, Shawn Smith, and Joseph Rogers, Jr. Not pictured: Lamonica Chambers, Latarsha Chambers, Carla Atkinson, and Aaron Davis.

Sunday School



SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS

Billy Wall, Assistant Superintendent; Betty Barnes, Assistant Teacher; Joyce Wall, Teacher, Primary; Robert Smith, Teacher, Adult; Donzell Williamson, Assistant Teacher; Anjanette Wall, Secretary; Michelle Barnes, Assistant Secretary; Leamon Lassiter, Superintendent; Alice Wall, Assistant Teacher; Pauline Stone, Assistant Teacher; Doris Peacock, Assistant Teacher; Eva Mitchell, Teacher, Juniors; George Tomlinson, Teacher, Young Adults; Wilmer Smith, Teacher, Seniors; Janice Smith, Benevolence Committee; Minnie Williamson, Teacher, Intermediate; and Bessie Tomlinson, Teacher Kindergarten.

Sunday School Classes



ADULTS

Leamon Lassiter, Penella Lane, Lunnie Williamson, Donzell Williamson, (Assistant Teacher) Alex Tomlinson, Gloria Dublin, Janice Smith, Ella Smith, Sudie Barnes, Roger Smith (Teacher) Juneill Bell, Alice Lassiter, Willie Mae Cotton, Alice Holder, Charlie Mangum, Billy Wall, Willie J. Holder, Amos Williamson, Lee Vassie Clemmons, and Lawrence Cotton.



YOUNG ADULTS

Maxine Mangum, Joyce Wall, Lola Rogers, Alice M. Wall, Effie Sanders, Judy Richardson, Alfreda Smith, Jacqueline Wall, Leonard Barnes, Jr., Juliette Wall, Pauline Stone, Rosa Williamson, Maxine Mitchener, George Tomlinson (Teacher) Billy Wall (Assistant Teacher) and Victor Smith.



SENIORS

Wilmer Smith (Teacher), Lynetta Williamson, Michelle Barnes, Shawn Smith, Shannon Wall and Ervin Barnes.



INTERMEDIATE

Lisa Mitchener, Adrienne D. Evans, Joseph Rogers, Jr., Carla Atkinson, Anjanette Wall, Latarsha Chambers, Ron Morgan, Darius Smith and Minnie Williamson (Teacher).



JUNIORS

LaDonna Barnes, Michael Barnes, Tilola Mitchell, Eva Mitchell, Teacher; Doris Peacock, Assistant Teacher; Kevin Wall and Kashins Clemmons.



PRIMARY

Dierdre Cooley, Jason Sanders, Otis Tomlinson, TaKeshia Wall, Pauline Stone, (Assistant Teacher), Albert Mitchener, Maurice Mangum, Harold Lassiter, and Nicholas Rogers.



KINDERGARTEN

Betty Barnes, Assistant Teacher; Daryl Mangum, Monty Barnes, Bessie Tomlinson, Teacher; Nina Stone, Sandra Rand, Shawn Wall and Nadia Stone.



WARD #1 - (Raleigh Area)



WARD #2 - (Garner Area)



WARD #3 - (Clayton Area)



WARD #4 (Clayton Area)



WARD #5 - (Smithfield Area)



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CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR
108th Anniversary
from
THE ROGERS FAMILY



**Reverend Joseph Rogers, Sr., Sister Lola
Rogers, Joseph Rogers, Jr., Nicholas L.
Rogers.**

CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE BARNES FAMILY



Carrie Barnes

Leonard Barnes, Sr.



**Leonard Barnes, Jr.
Hilda Barnes
LaDonna Barnes
Lamar Barnes**



**Michael Barnes, Sr.
Betty Barnes
Michelle D. Barnes
Monty D. Barnes
Michael Barnes, Jr.**



**Dennis Barnes
Betty Barnes
Denise Barnes
Devin Barnes**



**CONGRATULATIONS
AND BEST WISHES
TO THE
JOHNSTON PINEY GROVE CHURCH**



Deacon and Mrs. Willie J. Holder

Psalms 46:

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

**BEST WISHES
on Your
108th ANNIVERSARY
THE WALL FAMILY**



**WADE JR., JULIETTE, SHANNON,
TEKESHA, SHAWN**

**CONGRATULATIONS
on
108 Years of Service**

Deacon George Tomlinson and Family



George, Bessie and Otis

**CONGRATULATIONS
and
BEST WISHES
THE COTTON FAMILY**



**Lawrence, Willie Mae, Mary, James,
Evelyn, Mickey, Willie Don, Beverly,
James, Jr., Santonie' and Sharon.**



**CONGRATULATIONS AND
BEST WISHES ON OUR
108th Year Centennial Celebration**

On this historic occasion, we are indeed thankful to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for his divine guidance and the many blessings that he has bestowed upon us down through the years.

Mr. & Mrs. Lee Vassie Clemmons and Family.

Sheila R. Dobbin
Lee Vassie Clemmons
Ronald W. Clemmons
Demaris V. Clemmons
Kashins F. Clemmons
Marie B. Clemmons
Jared G. Dobbin
Roni L. Clemmons
Jerome Dobbin
Kelly L. Clemmons
Arron Clemmons
Jessie S. Dobbin (not pictured)



CONGRATULATIONS TO
Johnston Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church
on their Blessed
108th Anniversary dedicated
to our Lord and Savior.



WE LOVE YOU!!!
Johnston Piney Grove
George, Lena, Alfreda and Lemorn Smith



CONGRATULATIONS

On Your 108 Years of Progress
May God "Continue To Bless You"
THE WILLIAMSON FAMILY

Amos and Minnie Williamson

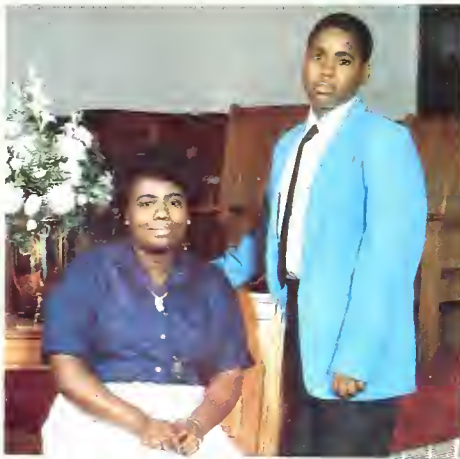
Children: Robert, Lynell, Lois, Amos Jr.,
Rosa, Minnie, Clea

In-Laws, Elestine, Yvonne, Anne, Sharon

Grandchildren: Tony, Robert Jr., Clifton,
Sandra, Angela, Brian, Veronica,
Sharon, Teresa, Jennifer, Rodney,
Ronald

Great-Grandchildren: Tony Jr., Andre,
Deaunt'e

CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE
JOHNSTON PINEY GROVE
BAPTIST CHURCH
Alice Wall and Kevin Wall



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OF THINGS NOT SEEN." HEBREW II:1

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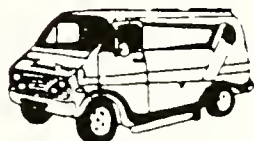


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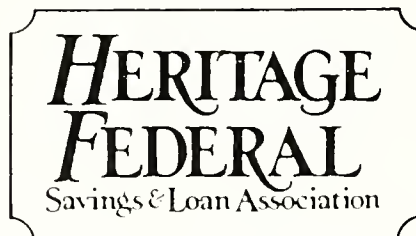
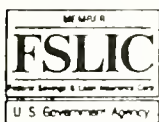
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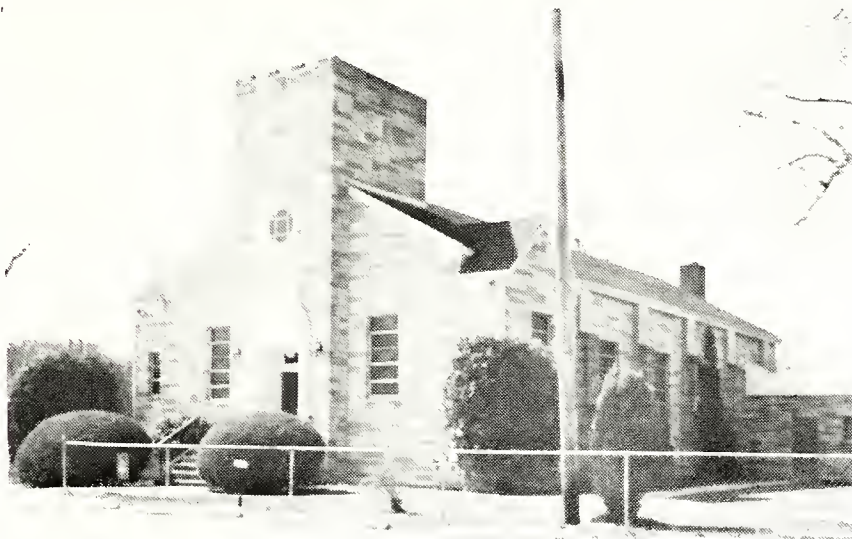
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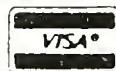
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I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH*



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BUT NOT TOO FAR FOR THE THOUGHTS TO REACH*

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NOR WILL YOU EVER BE;
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for HE IS SO GOOD! . . .*



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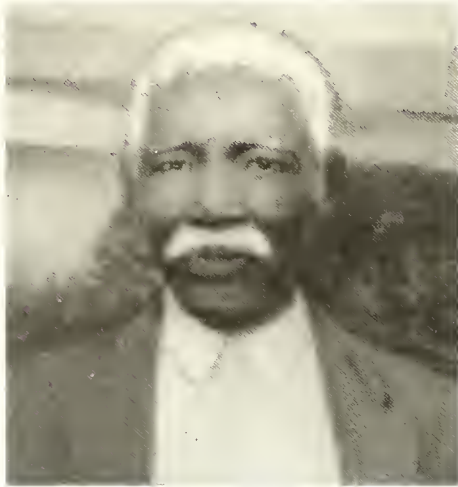


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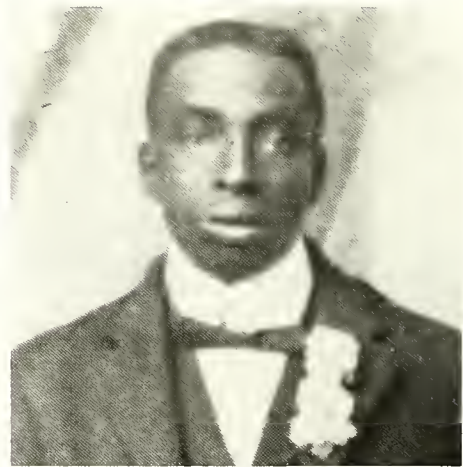


NEAL HENRY SMITH
1846-1928

*Some day we will meet again,
All our loved ones who have gone before:
Some day we will reach the happy land
Where parting will be no more.*



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*"THY WORD IS A LAMP UNTO MY FEET
AND A LIGHT UNTO MY PATH".
PSALMS 119:105*

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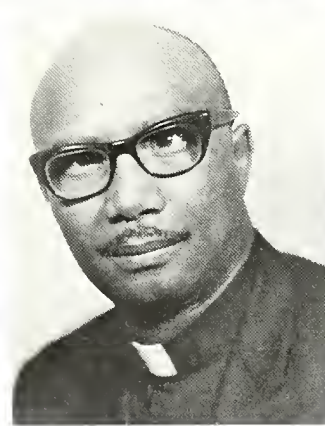
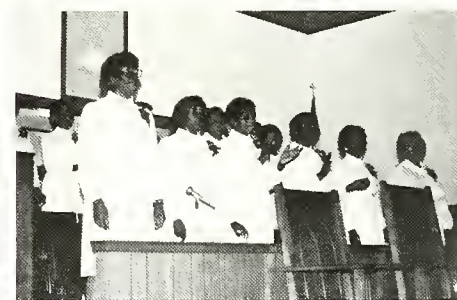
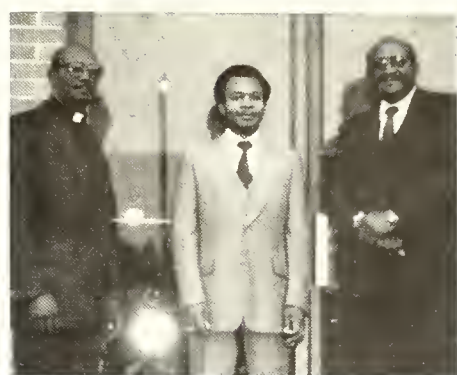
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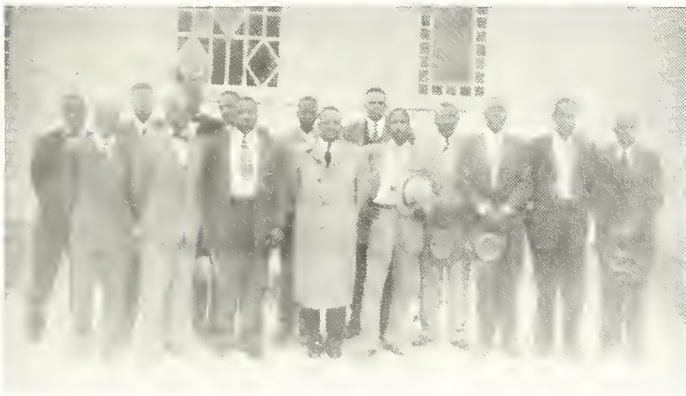
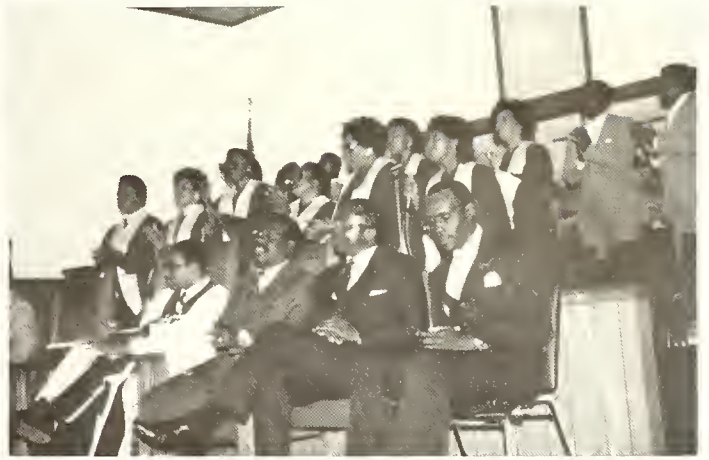
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Church Calendar

Sunday School 9:45 Worship Service 11:00

Senior Choir Mon. (before 1st & 3rd Sunday) 7:30
Gospel Choir Tuesday 7:30
Youth Choir Wed. (after 2nd & 4th Sunday) 7:00
Ushers Fri. (before 1st Sunday) 7:00
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